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Dear Ms. O'Neal:

Thank you for your recent letter informing the Treasurer of the Reform Party of the United States of America, Mr. Michael Morris, of your agency's concern regarding the Reform Party's recently filed Statement of Organization.

We are aware of the definition of national committee in 2 U.S.C. § 431(14) which provides special contribution and expenditure provision limits applicable to Commission-determined national committees with respect to influencing the outcome of federal elections. While we are the national committee of a political party, having been deemed such for Reform Party purposes by the state Reform political organizations, we will not avail ourselves of the benefit of the special contribution and expenditure provisions of FECA until we have obtained Commission imprimatur through the advisory opinion process. For the record, we are currently preparing an advisory opinion request regarding this matter, and in this connection have been in contact with your Office of General Counsel.

Sincerely,


Matt Sawyer
General Counsel &
Custodian of Records